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## August 22, 2012

To: County Treasurer and Auditor

From: Leonard Higgins

Subject: Changes in Juror Program beginning October 1, 2012

On July 19, 2011 the Governor signed SB 1, 82nd Legislature, 1<sup>st</sup> Called Session, which changes the reimbursement rate for jury service after the second day of service. This bill also requires the Comptroller to provide a daily reimbursement rate to the counties based on funding in the General Appropriations Act.

The Comptroller's Judiciary Section has determined that the county reimbursement amount beginning October 1, 2012 will be \$30 per day or fraction of a day for juror service beginning on the second day. This amount will be reviewed quarterly and is subject to adjustment based on claims filed and remaining funds. SB 1 specifically provides that the Comptroller may permit a different rate of juror reimbursement for each quarterly payment to counties provided the funds available in the General Appropriations Act.

If you have additional questions or need further information concerning the Juror Program, please contact the Comptroller's Judiciary Section by e-mail at leonard.higgins@cpa.state.tx.us or by phone at 1-800-531-5441, extension 6-6100.

Thank you.

